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SUBJ: ACTION MEMORANDUM: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA-SINGAPORE

(S/S NO. 7520898)

REFS: A. SECTO 16007 B. SINGAPORE 4517

1. RECOMMEND FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO PM LEE
KUAN YEW INSTEAD OF TO FONMIN PER REFTEL A.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR PRIME MINISTER

I VERY MUCH ENJOYED MY RECENT TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
RAJARATNAM IN NEW YORK LAST MONTH. IT WAS A PRODUCTIVE
EXCHANGE ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES. THE FOREIGN MINISTER
HAS PROBABLY TOLD YOU OF OUR DISCUSSION ON KOREA, AND
I WOULD LIKE PERSONALLY TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE WE
ATTACH TO THIS ISSUE.

AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE NOW TWO COMPETING RESOLUTION
BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WITH DEBATE SCHEDULED TO
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BEGIN OCTOBER 21. OUR RESOLUTION PROPOSES THAT THE

PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED ENTER INTO NEW ARRANGEMENTS TO REPLACE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND ENSURE PEACE ON THE PENINSULA. WE PROPOSE AS A FIRST STEP THAT WE, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, NORTH KOREA AND THE CHINESE BEGIN TALKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED WITH DISSOLUTION OF THE UNCOMMAND THE CONCURRENT ESTABLISHMENT OF OTHER ARRANGEMENT FOR MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE. IN MY SEPTEMBER 22 SPEECH TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY I ALSO STRESSED OUR WILLINGNESS AND THAT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO SIT DOWN WITH THE OTHER SIDE TO EXPLORE ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO REDUCE TENSIONS ON THE PENINSULA.

THE RESPONSE TO OUR PORPOSALS FROM THE OTHER SIDE HAS BEEN ENTIRELY NEGATIVE. THE NORTH KOREANS AND CHINESE REMAIN TOTALLY COMMITTED TO THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION, WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF EXCTUDING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA COMPLETELY FORM PARTICIPATION IN ANY DIALOGUE ON KOREA'S FUTURE. THIS IS AN OBVIOUS THREAT TO THE STABILITY OF THE PENINSULA AND SOMETHING THAT WE SIMPLY CANNOT ACCEPT.

AT THIS POINT, I THINK THE ONLY PRACTICAL WAY WE CAN SEEK TO DRAW THE OTHER SIDE INTO A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE IS FIRST TO SHOW THEM THEIR RESOLUTION CANNOT WIN IN NEW YORK. WHILE THEIR RESOLUTION MAY SEEM TO HAVE ATTRACTIVE FEATURES ON THE SURFACE, CLOSER ANALYSIS-- ESPECIALLY WHEN TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITS SUPPORTERS--REVEALS IT AS AN INFLEXIBLE, PARTISAN APPROACH THAT CAN ONLY FRSUSTRATE CHANCES FOR STABILITY IN THE PENINSULA. FOR US (WITH OUR 42,000 TROOPS IN KOREA), THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR. THAT IS WHY I FEEL IT NECESSARY TO APPROACH YOU DIRECTLY TO URGE SINGAPORE'S PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT FOR OUR RESOLUTION AS WELL AS SINGAPORE'S VOTE AGAINST THE ALGERIAN- SPONSORED RESOLUTION ON KOREA SHOULD IT COME TO A VOTE.

IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME SINCE OUR MEETING IN WASHINGTON LAST MAY, AND I HOPE WE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET TO-
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GETHER AGAIN BEFORE TOO LONG. WITH BEST REGARDS
AND ALL GOOD WISHES, SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER.

3. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE SUGGESTED TEXT.

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